

SENATE BILL 443

By Lowe

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to students.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act is known and may be cited as the "Access and Opportunity Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 3, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

(a) Each LEA and public school, including a public charter school, shall provide home school students in good academic standing and students who transfer into the LEA or public school in good academic standing with equal access to all academic, arts, or athletic programs, clubs, events, and opportunities offered by the LEA or public school as provided to non-transfer students enrolled in the LEA or public school.

(b) Home school students in good academic standing and students who transfer into an LEA or public school in good academic standing are immediately eligible to participate in all academic, arts, or athletic programs, clubs, events, and opportunities offered by the LEA or public school. Notwithstanding § 49-6-3050(e), the LEA for a home school student in good academic standing is the LEA in which the student was most recently enrolled or the LEA in which the home school student resides.

(c) An LEA or public school is not required to guarantee a home school student or transfer student a place or position on any team, club, or organization. LEAs and public schools are only required to provide a home school student or transfer student the same opportunity to try out or participate that is provided to non-transfer students.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.